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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/I Planning Officer

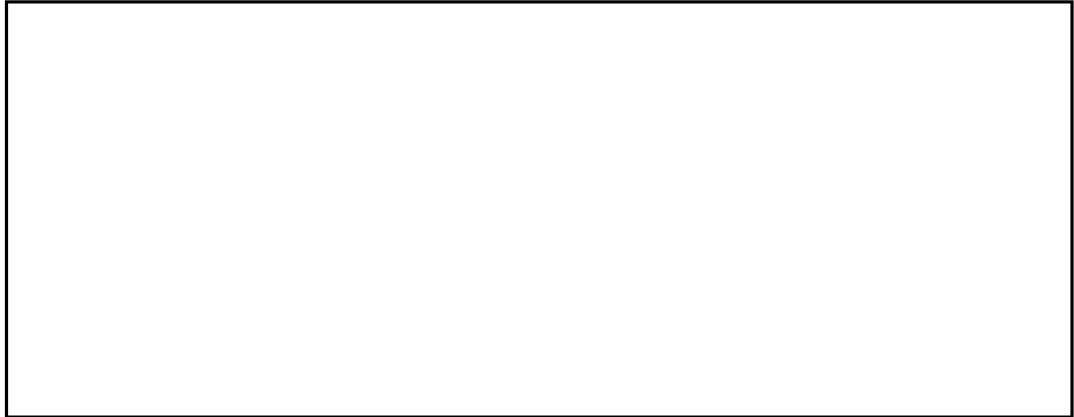
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REFERENCE : Memorandum from DD/I Planning Officer
to D/FMSAC, Dated 30 September 1968,
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1. In response to your request for comments on collection and processing programs that may support your planning cycle, FMSAC has the following observations.

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3. The reporting procedures currently in use and planned for from NPIC and IAS have been the subject of extensive community review, in which FMSAC participated, through the COMIREX mechanism. Changes which have been considered necessary in the past have recently been implemented; COMIREX D-31.1/2 of 14 October 1968 is a recent example. In addition, several minor changes have been effected informally. We would, of course, like to see more personnel assigned to full-time PI duties on the Chinese missile problem as well as the Soviet submarine ballistic missile problem. We believe we are missing some significant data because of inadequacy in these areas.

4. There is a continuing need for the type of service that the Central Reference Service provides with the generalized information storage and retrieval program since the kinds of data in the CRS data base are not as a rule duplicated elsewhere in the Agency. If, at a later time, a service with even broader applications could be made available through the Community On-line Intelligence System (COINS), the CRS service could be discontinued. An alternative to the foregoing might be that CRS could supply and manage the data base for the COINS application.

5. With respect to specialized machine files, more specialized files are being added to the data base as FMSAC improves its internal ADP capability. This trend will continue in order to bring increasing amounts of specialized information rapidly to our intelligence analysts. Generalized information has its place in a function such as CRS provides. However, FMSAC needs for such data are less acute and thus, if it comes to a decision to reallocate resources from generalized to specialized support FMSAC would profit. While there is no complete list of special

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files which FMSAC plans to add to its data base in the next five years the following special files, for which there would be on-line access, are representative of our needs:

- a) Air Movements
- b) Missile/Space Facilities
- c) Missile/Space Systems

6. In conclusion, may I extend an invitation to you to visit FMSAC and view our data handling and processing system in operation and discuss further the relationship of this system to DD/I plans. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

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